

b.) Remarks

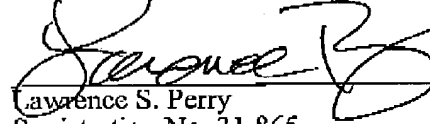
Applicants thank the Examiner for very helpful telephone conversations on August 26, 2004 regarding the form of the present amendment.

Applicants have canceled claims 7-18 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new claims 19-30; these claims conform with the sequences elected in applicants' response of June 18, 2004.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of all claims in this application is earnestly solicited.

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